The Suffering Servant : New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition (NRSVCE)  
**Isaiah 42:1-4**

**The Servant, a Light to the Nations**

**42**Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
    my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
    he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
**2**He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
    or make it heard in the street;  
**3**a bruised reed he will not break,  
    and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
    he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
**4**He will not grow faint or be crushed  
    until he has established justice in the earth;  
    and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

**Isaiah 49: 1-6**

**The Servant’s Mission**

**49**Listen to me, O coastlands,  
    pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born,  
    while I was in my mother’s womb he named me.  
**2**He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
    in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
    in his quiver he hid me away.  
**3**And he said to me, “You are my servant,  
    Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”  
**4**But I said, “I have labored in vain,  
    I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
    and my reward with my God.”

**5**And now the Lord says,  
    who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
    and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,  
    and my God has become my strength—  
**6**he says,  
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
    to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
    and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
    that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

**Isaiah 5: 4-12**

**4**What more was there to do for my vineyard  
    that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
    why did it yield wild grapes?

**5**And now I will tell you  
    what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
    and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
    and it shall be trampled down.  
**6**I will make it a waste;  
    it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
    and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds  
    that they rain no rain upon it.

**7**For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts  
    is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
    are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
    but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
    but heard a cry!

**Social Injustice Denounced**

**8**Ah, you who join house to house,  
    who add field to field,  
until there is room for no one but you,  
    and you are left to live alone  
    in the midst of the land!  
**9**The Lord of hosts has sworn in my hearing:  
Surely many houses shall be desolate,  
    large and beautiful houses, without inhabitant.  
**10**For ten acres of vineyard shall yield but one bath,  
    and a homer of seed shall yield a mere ephah.**[**[**a**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%205:%204-12&version=NRSVCE#fen-NRSVCE-21636a)**]**

**11**Ah, you who rise early in the morning  
    in pursuit of strong drink,  
who linger in the evening  
    to be inflamed by wine,  
**12**whose feasts consist of lyre and harp,  
    tambourine and flute and wine,  
but who do not regard the deeds of the Lord,  
    or see the work of his hands!

**Footnotes:**

1. [Isaiah 5:10](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%205:%204-12&version=NRSVCE#en-NRSVCE-21636) The Heb *bath*, *homer*, and *ephah* are measures of quantity

**Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

**The Suffering Servant**

**13**See, my servant shall prosper;  
    he shall be exalted and lifted up,  
    and shall be very high.  
**14**Just as there were many who were astonished at him**[[a](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2052:13-53&version=NRSVCE" \l "fen-NRSVCE-22597a" \o "See footnote a)]**  
    —so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,  
    and his form beyond that of mortals—  
**15**so he shall startle**[**[**b**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2052:13-53&version=NRSVCE#fen-NRSVCE-22598b)**]** many nations;  
    kings shall shut their mouths because of him;  
for that which had not been told them they shall see,  
    and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

**53**Who has believed what we have heard?  
    And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?  
**2**For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
    and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
    nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.  
**3**He was despised and rejected by others;  
    a man of suffering**[**[**a**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2053&version=NRSVCE#fen-NRSVCE-22601a)**]** and acquainted with infirmity;  
and as one from whom others hide their faces**[**[**b**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2053&version=NRSVCE#fen-NRSVCE-22601b)**]**  
    he was despised, and we held him of no account.

**4**Surely he has borne our infirmities  
    and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
    struck down by God, and afflicted.  
**5**But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
    crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
    and by his bruises we are healed.  
**6**All we like sheep have gone astray;  
    we have all turned to our own way,  
and the Lord has laid on him  
    the iniquity of us all.

**7**He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
    yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
    and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
    so he did not open his mouth.  
**8**By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
    Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
    stricken for the transgression of my people.  
**9**They made his grave with the wicked  
    and his tomb**[**[**c**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2053&version=NRSVCE#fen-NRSVCE-22607c)**]** with the rich,**[**[**d**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2053&version=NRSVCE#fen-NRSVCE-22607d)**]**  
although he had done no violence,  
    and there was no deceit in his mouth.

**10**Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.**[[e](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2053&version=NRSVCE" \l "fen-NRSVCE-22608e" \o "See footnote e)]**  
When you make his life an offering for sin,**[**[**f**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2053&version=NRSVCE#fen-NRSVCE-22608f)**]**  
    he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.  
**11**    Out of his anguish he shall see light;**[[g](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2053&version=NRSVCE" \l "fen-NRSVCE-22609g" \o "See footnote g)]**  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
    The righteous one,**[[h](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2053&version=NRSVCE" \l "fen-NRSVCE-22609h" \o "See footnote h)]** my servant, shall make many righteous,  
    and he shall bear their iniquities.  
**12**Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
    and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
    and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
    and made intercession for the transgressors.

**Footnotes:**

1. [Isaiah 53:3](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2053&version=NRSVCE#en-NRSVCE-22601) Or *a man of sorrows*
2. [Isaiah 53:3](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2053&version=NRSVCE#en-NRSVCE-22601) Or *as one who hides his face from us*
3. [Isaiah 53:9](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2053&version=NRSVCE#en-NRSVCE-22607) Q Ms: MT *and in his death*
4. [Isaiah 53:9](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2053&version=NRSVCE#en-NRSVCE-22607) Cn: Heb *with a rich person*
5. [Isaiah 53:10](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2053&version=NRSVCE#en-NRSVCE-22608) Or *by disease*; meaning of Heb uncertain
6. [Isaiah 53:10](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2053&version=NRSVCE#en-NRSVCE-22608) Meaning of Heb uncertain
7. [Isaiah 53:11](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2053&version=NRSVCE#en-NRSVCE-22609) Q Mss: MT lacks *light*
8. [Isaiah 53:11](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2053&version=NRSVCE#en-NRSVCE-22609) Or *and he shall find satisfaction. Through his knowledge, the righteous one*

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